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in scraping shell (*tuluyi*, *Nerita polita*) a little to left of apical whorl; four lashing turns of fine three-ply sennit braid (3) pass from handle through shell (2) where commencement end is buried, lashing continues with 16 transverse turns around distal end of handle (4); finishing of lashing buried beneath last turns; at proximal end a thin cord (7) of twisted *wao* fiber is attached so that the scraper may be hung up; two notches (5, 6) cut in handle; the two plies of *wao* cord lapped about notch (5) and fastened with figure-of-eight turns of fine, two-ply twisted sennit which pass around handle and between two notches; free end of sennit seized (8) around *wao* cord and finishing end buried. *b*, coconut stand grater (*tuai*) (C8106): clam-shell grater (1) mounted on wooden stand (2) cut from solid block of *wetau* wood; horizontal base 1 foot 10⅜ inches long, 4½ inches wide at proximal end, and 2 inches thick; two triangular notches cut into proximal end said to be old form of ornament; oblique arm (3) 7 inches long, 3 inches wide, and 2 inches thick; angle (4) at which arm leaves horizontal base obtuse, under side (5) shaped and rounded off slightly; distal end of oblique arm (6) slotted for depth of 2 inches and concave so that convex outer surface of shell grater fits securely against arm; a piece of cork (7) fitted against inner concave surface of shell grater; lashing of three-ply braided sennit (8) applied over cork and around arm; lashing consists of 24 turns with buried commencement, and under normal conditions finishing end would also be buried, but in this grater free end is not cut off flush with transverse turns but is knotted and left free (9) so that grater may be hung up by free end. *c*, back rest (*taka*) cut from solid block of *uakaseu* wood (C8161): 1, four-sided stand 8⅜ inches high at back and 5¾ inches high at front, sides about 5½ inches wide; 2, main backrest, surface of which has slight transverse and longitudinal concavity, 2 feet 3½ inches long, 9½ inches wide, and ¾ inch thick at edges; continued by horizontal extension rest (3) 4 inches long, ¾ inch thick at sides; 4, end resting on ground has bevel 1½ inches wide; 5, under surfaces of horizontal extension (3) shaped obliquely, coming together in short mesial longitudinal ridge 1¾ inches high. *d*, wooden headrest (*alunga lakau*) (C8184); roughly cut from single block of *puapua* wood: 1, pillow section 1 foot 7 inches long, 3 inches wide, and 2¾ inches thick; 2, four legs, each 2½ inches high, 3¼ inches wide, and 2 inches thick; 3, slight flare at base of right front leg due to unskilled workmanship and not to design.

Furnishings of Pukapukan houses today include little that is modern. Occasionally one sees a European chair. Most houses have wooden chests or suitcases in which clothes are kept. European mosquito nets are in common use, and several houses proudly display antique sewing machines. Beyond these few articles and bundles of mats, the house interiors are generally quite bare.

FOOD UTENSILS

To harvest and husk coconuts, the climbing bandage (p. 146), husking stick, and carrying pole are used. The husking stick (*koyo*, C8049) of *ngangie* wood is driven into the ground for two thirds of its length. Informants were sure that the short stick was the only type used formerly, the worker kneeling or squatting on the ground to husk. Today, a much longer stick is generally used, the husker standing and bending over the stick. The carrying pole (*amo*) is a convenient length of coconut leaf midrib on which a nick is made at each end. Pairs of nuts are slung over the pole, the